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SUBJECT: INDIAN MINE DISASTERS: UMW INQUIRIES

REF: NEW DELHI 17300

1. UNITED MINE WORKERS IS CONSIDERING CONTRIBUTION TO
SURVIVORS OF CHASNALA MINE DISASTER. THEY REQUEST
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) BEST ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF FATALITIES;

(B) NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS (WIVES AND CHILDREN) OF
FATALITIES;

(C) AVERAGE MONTHLY EARNINGS OF MINE WORKERS INVOLVED
IN DISASTER;

(D) AMOUNT AND DURATION OF DEATH BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO
DEPENDENT SURVIVORS; AND

(E) CONFIRMATION THAT CHASNALA WAS UNIONIZED MINE REPRE-
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SENTED BY INMF (OR OTHER UNION).

2. UMW ALSO CONSIDERING OFFER OF UNION TEAM OF EXPERTS TO HELP WITH INVESTIGATION. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER MINE IS SINGLE OR MULTI-LEVEL; THICKNESS OF SEAMS; AND AVERAGE YEARLY TONNAGE OF COAL PRODUCED.

3. DOES EMBASSY PERCEIVE ANY OBJECTION TO OFFER BY UMW OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AND/OR INVESTIGATORY TEAM? ROBINSON

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